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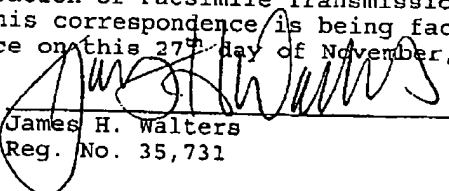
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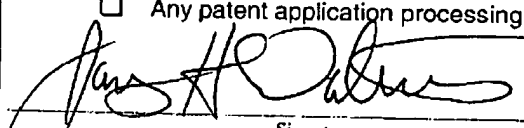
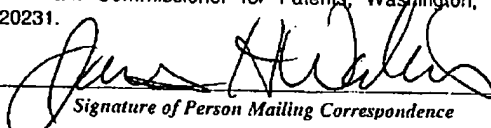
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002,
please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 4 by replacing them with the
like numbered claims hereinbelow.

1. (Amended) An excimer laser apparatus in which a laser
chamber containing therein main discharge electrodes for
excitation is interposed between an output mirror and a
bandwidth-narrowing optical system, wherein:

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said bandwidth-narrowing optical system comprises a Littrow
mounting reflection type diffraction grating, a beam
diameter-enlarging optical system positioned on an entrance side
of said reflection type diffraction grating, and a slit located
at an entrance side of said-beam diameter-enlarging optical
system, and

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